

Enjoy Your Christmas Do It Now--To-Day.

Here's wishing that your every moment will be a ripple in a lingering stream of Yuletide pleasure.

Let me thank and wish merry—

1st. The large number of advertisers whose advertisements I have planned and written.

2d. The many thousand readers who composed my audience, and have bought most liberally of the above advertisers.

3d. To my friends generally.

Yours for better advertising,

Geo. W. Lemons

Advertisement Writer, Times-Dispatch Building,
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News of the Southside

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch,
No. 1102 Hull Street.

While many citizens of Manchester have given to the poor this Christmas, the handsomest gift came yesterday in the shape of an order for ten dinners to be distributed to-day among the poor. The donation came from a well-known citizen, who desires that his name be withheld, and each dinner was to cost \$2. The order was left at the Lafayette House, and the baskets were filled and sent out yesterday evening to ten families that are deserving. Besides this, the City Mission, through Mrs. W. B. Bradley, the president, gave \$20 toward furnishing dinners to the poor. Five dollars of this last amount was raised by the scholars of Mrs. Bradley's Sunday school class.

Messrs. D. L. Toney and C. A. Fortune, who volunteered to give meat free to the needy and deserving poor, have had frequent calls upon them and are dispensing charity to all that, according to the charity workers, are needy. While there are many people in the city who will have no Christmas, the suffering on the whole is not as great as was to be expected.

To-day will be generally observed as a holiday throughout the city. The post-office will observe holiday hours. One collection will be taken at 8:30 o'clock this morning, but there will be no delivery. However, the carriers will be at the window in the post-office from 10 until 12 o'clock, and the general delivery window will be open during the same hours. Orders have been issued by Mayor Maurice against the use of fire-crackers, except Christmas night, and the police will keep watch for any offenders.

Mr. Pulliam Honored.

As an appreciation of services rendered in behalf of the firemen's relief bill, which passed the Legislature last winter, and his successful efforts to secure for the Manchester Firemen's Relief Association a charter, the firemen of this city yesterday morning presented Mr. Willis C. Pulliam with a handsome umbrella. Mr. Pulliam was an ardent advocate of the bill for the relief of firemen, and worked unceasingly for the charter of the Manchester association, which put it under the provisions of the bill.

Many Country People Here.

Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, due to the recent snow, many people from the country were in the city yesterday to do their Christmas shopping. All out-of-town people, but that the trip was almost perfect, but that the roads would again be in good condition soon. The farmers from near Manchester are watching the progress of the work on the turnpike between this city and Petersburg with much interest, and hope to see it soon completed.

Leader Theatre Open.

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